

LIGHTNING KILLS FIVE IN WORST STORM OF SEASON

Family of Three Wiped Out
While Seeking Refuge Under
a Tree Near Nyack.

The list of deaths and destruction grows with every report received today of yesterday's storm—the worst of the season. Five were killed and many were shocked by lightning. There were several drownings, and many who were near death while boating or bathing were rescued. Coney Island and City Island, and the Jersey coast suffered the greatest damage from the storm, which descended upon New York City about 3 P. M.

Lightning wiped out the entire Schaefer family at Rockland Lake, near Nyack. The family, consisting of Charles Schaefer, his wife and their two-year-old daughter, left their cottage near the Adolphus Hotel estate at Nyack, upon which Schaefer worked, and were in a boat on the lake when the storm broke. They were seen making for the shore, the father rowing frantically.

Despite the high wind and the imminent danger of capsizing in the high waves, the frail boat reached the shore and the family evidently sought shelter beneath a tree on the edge of the lake. Their bodies were discovered later beneath the tree. All had been instantly killed by a bolt of lightning which shattered the tree.

FIVE VICTIMS UNDER TREE HIT BY BOLT.

Arthur Schantz was caddy for a party of four golfers on the course in Wauquie Park and they were playing near the eighth hole when the storm broke. The players ran to the shelter of a big elm tree and lightning struck it almost as soon as they had gathered under it. The boy, carrying two golf bags, with their metal trimmed clubs, adding probably to his danger as a conductor, was stricken dead instantly.

He wore gold-rimmed eyeglasses and the metal was melted. His home was in No. 200 Chadwick Avenue, Newark. Heany, who lived in Belleville, N. J., was struck in the hip and back, as the marks showed. He was soon revived. Kreibler, whose head and collarbone bore marks of the lightning, is in Newark City Hospital in a serious condition. He lives at No. 231 Halstead Street, East Orange. When first revived he asked angrily, "Who hit me with that golf ball?"

Leonard, whose home is at No. 175 Bergen Street, Newark, was struck on the left side and back, and is in St. Barnabas's Hospital.

Neale Sheehan, twenty-five, an overseas veteran, who lived at No. 206 West 113th Street, Manhattan, was killed instantly yesterday afternoon at Keansburg, N. J., when lightning struck a bungalow in which he and his bride of four months were spending the day. The same bolt shocked

GIRL IS DROWNED IN CHANGING SEAT; BOY LOST IN RIVER

Three Rescued From Gravesend Bay—Policeman Nearly Lost
Life in Vain Effort.

Miss Mary Bender, sixteen, whose home is in East New York Avenue, near Osborn Street, Brooklyn, was changing seats with Miss Helen Silverman, sixteen, No. 1559 East New York Avenue, in a rowboat, whose other occupants were Max Schum, nineteen, No. 653 East Fifth Street, Manhattan, a clerk in the General Post Office, and Abraham Miller, twenty-three, No. 128 East Fifth Street, a paperhanger. Miller decided to take the oars from Schum and the girls were changing at the same time. The boat was overturned in Gravesend Bay off 29th Street, Coney Island.

Miss Bender sank and was not seen again by her companions, who went to the aid of Miss Silverman. The three finally were rescued by men in a passing motor boat. Miss Bender was believed to have come up under the overturned boat. Her body was not recovered.

Sight of a little boy's white face as the child sank in the wind-ruffled, churning waters of the East River off Fourth Street yesterday afternoon sent Policeman Henry Friedman to the rescue, but too late. He nearly lost his own life.

Jacob Schneider of No. 535 Fifth Street identified clothing found on the pier as that of his son, Harry, aged ten.

four young men sitting around a table in a house 100 yards from the Sheehan place, but Mrs. Sheehan, in the same room with her husband, escaped injury.

The storm was accompanied by a rain deluge. Heavy damage was reported from many points on Long Island Sound and along the Jersey coast.

Besides those killed by lightning one girl was so shocked it is expected she will die and another victim was driven insane. The bolts struck at widely separated points. The storm hit the beaches so suddenly the bathers virtually had no warning. Scores of small craft were overturned, and it is feared the death list will grow when complete reports are in.

Thousands of telephones were put out of commission by the storm, which filed manholes with water, broke wires and threw down poles in the outlying section.

Officials of the company made a hasty survey of the damage and set the Plant Department at work to put the service back. Service was restored in many cases before the subscribers knew it had been affected. This was in cases where the repairs could be made at stations and on trunk lines. The repair forces ex-

pected to have the work completed by tomorrow.

There were fewer than thirty persons in the water off Dreamland Park beach, Coney Island, about 6 o'clock when the thunder storm was most intense. Miss Lena Blank, twenty-six, No. 515 Neptune Avenue, Coney Island, a cloud finisher, was in the surf with Mrs. Tillie Pasnik, No. 412 East 101st Street, Manhattan, her guest. They were about twenty-five feet from shore when a vivid flash almost blinded them and other bathers there.

Miss Blank toppled over into the water, which was not deep, and a bright red mark down the left side of her face showed where she had been touched by the bolt. Miss Pasnik, who had been less seriously shocked, went to her friend's aid, lifted her and held her out of the water while she screamed for help.

Life guards Capt. Gilbert Madore and Walter J. Horie carried out the stricken girl. She was taken to the Coney Island Hospital by Dr. Blue-stone, who reported later that Miss Blank remained in a semi-conscious condition, suffering from partial paralysis of the left side, which he said probably would soon disappear.

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When the violent squall, accompanied by terrific lightning, broke about 4 o'clock, the Greiner brothers, who live at No. 627 Clay Avenue, Bronx, and Waterman, whose home is in No. 324 East 25th Street, were partly on the roof at the end of the dock and partly in the water.

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